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To designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, and  
for other purposes.

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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California, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Eastern Sierra and  
5       Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) FOREST.—The term “Forest” means the  
9       Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest designated by sec-  
10      tion 9(a).

1           (2) RECREATION AREA.—The term “Recreation  
2       Area” means the Bridgeport Recreation Area des-  
3       ignated by section 7(a).

4           (3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-  
5       retary concerned” means—

6                 (A) with respect to land under the jurisdic-  
7       tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-  
8       retary of Agriculture; and

9                 (B) with respect to land under the jurisdic-  
10      tion of the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-  
11      retary of the Interior.

12          (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
13      of California.

14          (5) TRAIL.—The term “Trail” means the Pa-  
15      cific Crest National Scenic Trail.

16   **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

17       In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
18   1131 et seq.) the following areas in the State are des-  
19   ignated as wilderness areas and as components of the Na-  
20   tional Wilderness Preservation System:

21          (1) HOOVER WILDERNESS ADDITION.—

22                 (A) IN GENERAL.—Certain land in the  
23       Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forests,  
24       comprising approximately 76,982 acres, as gen-  
25       erally depicted on the maps described in sub-

1 paragraph (B), is incorporated in, and shall be  
2 considered to be a part of, the Hoover Wilder-  
3 ness.

4 (B) DESCRIPTION OF MAPS.—The maps  
5 referred to in subparagraph (A) are—

6 (i) the map entitled “Hoover East  
7 Proposed Wilderness Addition” and dated  
8 May 16, 2008;

9 (ii) the map entitled “Hoover West  
10 Proposed Wilderness Addition” and dated  
11 May 16, 2008; and

12 (iii) the map entitled “Bighorn Pro-  
13 posed Wilderness Addition” and dated May  
14 16, 2008.

15 (C) EFFECT.—The designation of the wil-  
16 derness under subparagraph (A)—

17 (i) shall not preclude operation and  
18 maintenance of the historic Piute Cabin,  
19 located in the western portion of the land  
20 described in that subparagraph, in the  
21 same manner in which the cabin is being  
22 operated and maintained as of the date of  
23 enactment of this Act; and

24 (ii) is not intended to restrict the on-  
25 going activities of the adjacent United

1 States Marine Corps Mountain Warfare  
2 Training Center on land outside the wil-  
3 derness designated, in accordance with the  
4 agreement between the Center and the  
5 Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

6 (2) EMIGRANT WILDERNESS ADDITION.—Cer-  
7 tain land in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest,  
8 comprising approximately 251 acres, as generally de-  
9 picted on the map entitled “Hoover West Proposed  
10 Wilderness Addition” and dated May 16, 2008, is  
11 incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a part  
12 of, the Emigrant Wilderness.

13 (3) OWENS RIVER HEADWATERS/ANSEL ADAMS  
14 WILDERNESS ADDITION.—Certain land in the Inyo  
15 National Forest, comprising approximately 15,247  
16 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
17 “Owens River Headwaters Proposed Wilderness Ad-  
18 dition” and dated May 16, 2008, is incorporated in,  
19 and shall be considered to be a part of, the Ansel  
20 Adams Wilderness.

21 (4) JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS ADDITION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Certain land in the  
23 Inyo National Forest and certain land adminis-  
24 tered by the Bureau of Land Management in  
25 Inyo County, California, comprising approxi-

1           mately 80,112 acres, as generally depicted on  
2           the maps described in subparagraph (B), is in-  
3           corporated in, and shall be considered to be a  
4           part of, the John Muir Wilderness.

5           (B) DESCRIPTION OF MAPS.—The maps  
6           referred to in subparagraph (A) are—

7                   (i) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
8                   posed Additions 1 of 6” and dated May  
9                   16, 2008;

10                   (ii) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
11                   posed Additions 2 of 6” and dated May  
12                   16, 2008;

13                   (iii) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
14                   posed Additions 3 of 6” and dated May  
15                   16, 2008;

16                   (iv) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
17                   posed Additions 4 of 6” and dated May  
18                   16, 2008;

19                   (v) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
20                   posed Additions 5 of 6” and dated May  
21                   16, 2008; and

22                   (vi) the map entitled “John Muir Pro-  
23                   posed Additions 6 of 6” and dated May  
24                   16, 2008.

1 (C) BOUNDARY REVISION.—The boundary  
2 of the John Muir Wilderness is revised to in-  
3 clude the land depicted on the map entitled  
4 “John Muir Wilderness—Revised” and dated  
5 May 21, 2008.

6 (5) WHITE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Certain land in the  
8 Inyo National Forest and certain land adminis-  
9 tered by the Bureau of Land Management in  
10 Mono County, California, comprising approxi-  
11 mately 223,517 acres, as generally depicted on  
12 the map entitled “White Mountains Proposed  
13 Wilderness” and dated May 16, 2008, which  
14 shall be known as the “White Mountains Wil-  
15 derness”.

16 (B) EFFECT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AC-  
17 TIVITIES.—The designation of the wilderness  
18 under subparagraph (A) shall not affect the  
19 conduct of scientific research at the White  
20 Mountain Research Station facilities operated  
21 by the University of California.

22 (6) GRANITE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
23 tain land administered by the Bureau of Land Man-  
24 agement in Mono County, California, comprising ap-  
25 proximately 35,564 acres, as generally depicted on

1 the map entitled “Granite Mountain Proposed Wil-  
 2 derness” and dated May 16, 2008, which shall be  
 3 known as the “Granite Mountain Wilderness”.

4 (7) MAGIC MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS.—Certain  
 5 land in the Angeles National Forest, comprising ap-  
 6 proximately 13,709 acres, as generally depicted on  
 7 the map entitled “Magic Mountain Proposed Wilder-  
 8 ness” and dated May 16, 2008, which shall be  
 9 known as the “Magic Mountain Wilderness”.

10 (8) PLEASANT VIEW RIDGE WILDERNESS.—Cer-  
 11 tain land in the Angeles National Forest, comprising  
 12 approximately 28,424 acres, as generally depicted on  
 13 the map entitled “Pleasant View Ridge Proposed  
 14 Wilderness” and dated May 16, 2008, which shall be  
 15 known as the “Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness”.

16 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

17 (a) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
 18 the Secretary concerned shall administer the wilderness  
 19 areas designated by this Act in accordance with the Wil-  
 20 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—

21 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective  
 22 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date  
 23 of enactment of this Act; and

1           (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary  
2           of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference  
3           to the Secretary concerned.

4           (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
6           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary con-  
7           cerned shall file a map and legal description of each  
8           wilderness area designated by this Act with—

9                   (A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
10                  of the House of Representatives; and

11                   (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
12                  Resources of the Senate.

13           (2) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal descrip-  
14           tion filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same  
15           force and effect as if included in this Act, except  
16           that the Secretary concerned may correct any errors  
17           in the map and legal description.

18           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
19           legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
20           on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
21           propriate office of the Secretary concerned.

22           (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-  
23           ESTS.—Any land (or interest in land) within the boundary  
24           of a wilderness area designated by this Act that is ac-  
25           quired by the Federal Government shall—



1           (1) become part of the wilderness area in which  
2           the land is located; and

3           (2) be managed in accordance with this Act, the  
4           Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and any  
5           other applicable law.

6           (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
7           ence on the date of enactment of this Act, any Federal  
8           land designated as a wilderness area by this Act is with-  
9           drawn from—

10           (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal  
11           under the public land laws;

12           (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
13           laws; and

14           (3) disposition under laws relating to mineral  
15           and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

16           (e) FIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT AC-  
17           TIVITIES.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may take  
19           such measures in a wilderness area designated by  
20           this Act as are necessary for the control and preven-  
21           tion of fire, insects, and diseases, in accordance  
22           with—

23                   (A) section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act  
24                   (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)); and

1 (B) the report of the Committee on Inte-  
2 rior and Insular Affairs of the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives to accompany H.R. 1437 of the  
4 98th Congress (H. Rept. 98–40).

5 (2) REVIEW OF FIRE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITI-  
6 TIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-  
7 ment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall re-  
8 view existing policies applicable to the wilderness  
9 areas designated by this Act to ensure that author-  
10 ized approval procedures for any fire management  
11 activities allow for a timely and efficient response to  
12 fire emergencies in the wilderness areas.

13 (f) ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.—The Secretary  
14 concerned shall provide any owner of private property  
15 within the boundary of a wilderness area designated by  
16 this Act adequate access to the property to ensure the rea-  
17 sonable use and enjoyment of the property by the owner.

18 (g) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this Act pre-  
19 cludes—

20 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over  
21 the wilderness areas designated by this Act;

22 (2) the designation of new units of special air-  
23 space over the wilderness areas designated by this  
24 Act; or

1           (3) the use or establishment of military flight  
2       training routes over wilderness areas designated by  
3       this Act.

4       (h) LIVESTOCK.—Grazing of livestock and the main-  
5       tenance of existing facilities relating to grazing in wilder-  
6       ness areas designated by this Act, if established before the  
7       date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to con-  
8       tinue in accordance with—

9           (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16  
10       U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

11          (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of  
12       the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular  
13       Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-  
14       panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept.  
15       101–405).

16       (i) FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.—

17          (1) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the pur-  
18       poses of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
19       seq.), the Secretary concerned may carry out man-  
20       agement activities to maintain or restore fish and  
21       wildlife populations and fish and wildlife habitats in  
22       wilderness areas designated by this Act if the activi-  
23       ties are—

24           (A) consistent with applicable wilderness  
25       management plans; and

1 (B) carried out in accordance with applica-  
2 ble guidelines and policies.

3 (2) STATE JURISDICTION.—Nothing in this Act  
4 affects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to  
5 fish and wildlife on public land located in the State.

6 (j) HORSES.—Nothing in this Act precludes horse-  
7 back riding in, or the entry of recreational or commercial  
8 saddle or pack stock into, an area designated as wilderness  
9 by this Act—

10 (1) in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the  
11 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)); and

12 (2) subject to any terms and conditions deter-  
13 mined to be necessary by the Secretary concerned.

14 **SEC. 5. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

15 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for purposes of  
16 section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
17 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782), any portion of a wilderness  
18 study area described in subsection (b) that is not des-  
19 ignated as wilderness by this Act or any other Act enacted  
20 before the date of enactment of this Act has been ade-  
21 quately studied for wilderness.

22 (b) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREAS.—The study  
23 areas referred to in subsection (a) are—

24 (1) the Masonic Mountain Wilderness Study  
25 Area;

1           (2) the Mormon Meadow Wilderness Study  
2     Area;

3           (3) the Walford Springs Wilderness Study  
4     Area; and

5           (4) the Granite Mountain Wilderness Study  
6     Area.

7     (c) RELEASE.—Any portion of a wilderness study  
8     area described in subsection (b) that is not designated as  
9     wilderness by this Act or any other Act enacted before the  
10    date of enactment of this Act shall not be subject to sec-  
11    tion 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
12    Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).

13   **SEC. 6. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

14       Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
15    U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16    lowing:

17           “(171) AMARGOSA RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—The  
18       following segments of the Amargosa River in the  
19       State of California, to be administered by the Sec-  
20       retary of the Interior:

21               “(A) The approximately 4.1-mile segment  
22               of the Amargosa River from the northern  
23               boundary of sec. 7, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., to 100  
24               feet upstream of the Tecopa Hot Springs road  
25               crossing, as a scenic river.

1           “(B) The approximately 8-mile segment of  
 2           the Amargosa River from 100 feet downstream  
 3           of the Tecopa Hot Springs Road crossing to  
 4           100 feet upstream of the Old Spanish Trail  
 5           Highway crossing near Tecopa, as a scenic  
 6           river.

7           “(C) The approximately 7.9-mile segment  
 8           of the Amargosa River from the northern  
 9           boundary of sec. 16, T. 20 N., R. 7 E., to .25  
 10          miles upstream of the confluence with Sperry  
 11          Wash in sec. 10, T. 19 N., R. 7 E., as a wild  
 12          river.

13          “(D) The approximately 4.9-mile segment  
 14          of the Amargosa River from .25 miles upstream  
 15          of the confluence with Sperry Wash in sec. 10,  
 16          T. 19 N., R. 7 E. to 100 feet upstream of the  
 17          Dumont Dunes access road crossing in sec. 32,  
 18          T. 19 N., R. 7 E., as a recreational river.

19          “(E) The approximately 1.4-mile segment  
 20          of the Amargosa River from 100 feet down-  
 21          stream of the Dumont Dunes access road cross-  
 22          ing in sec. 32, T. 19 N., R. 7 E., as a rec-  
 23          reational river.

24          “(172) OWENS RIVER HEADWATERS, CALI-  
 25          FORNIA.—The following segments of the Owens

1 River in the State of California to be administered  
2 by the Secretary of the Interior:

3 “(A) The 2.3-mile segment of Deadman  
4 Creek from the 2-forked source east of San  
5 Joaquin Peak to the confluence with the  
6 unnamed tributary flowing north into Deadman  
7 Creek from sec. 12, T. 3 S., R. 26 E., as a wild  
8 river.

9 “(B) The 2.3-mile segment of Deadman  
10 Creek from the unnamed tributary confluence  
11 in sec. 12, T. 3 S., R. 26 E., to the Road 3S22  
12 crossing, as a scenic river.

13 “(C) The 4.1-mile segment of Deadman  
14 Creek from the road 3S22 crossing to .25 miles  
15 downstream of the Highway 395 crossing, as a  
16 recreational river.

17 “(D) The 3-mile segment of Deadman  
18 Creek from .25 miles downstream of the high-  
19 way 395 crossing to 100 feet upstream of Big  
20 Springs, as a scenic river.

21 “(E) The 1-mile segment of the Upper  
22 Owens River from 100 feet upstream of Big  
23 Springs to the private property boundary in sec.  
24 19, T. 2 S., R. 28 E., as a recreational river.

1           “(F) The 4-mile segment of Glass Creek  
 2           from its 2-forked source to 100 feet upstream  
 3           of the Glass Creek Meadow Trailhead parking  
 4           area in sec. 29, T. 2 S., R.27 E., as a wild  
 5           river.

6           “(G) The 1.3-mile segment of Glass Creek  
 7           from 100 feet upstream of the trailhead park-  
 8           ing area in sec. 29 to the end of the Glass  
 9           Creek road in sec. 21, T. 2 S., R. 27 E., as a  
 10          scenic river.

11          “(H) The 1.1-mile segment of Glass Creek  
 12          from the end of Glass Creek road in sec. 21, T.  
 13          2 S., R. 27 E., to the confluence with Deadman  
 14          Creek, as a recreational river.

15          “(173) PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—

16          “(A) IN GENERAL.—The following seg-  
 17          ments of Piru Creek in the State of California  
 18          to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-  
 19          culture:

20                 “(i) The 3-mile segment of Piru Creek  
 21                 from 0.5 miles downstream of Pyramid  
 22                 Dam at the first bridge crossing to the  
 23                 boundary of the Sespe Wilderness, as a  
 24                 recreational river.



1                   “(ii) The 4.25-mile segment from the  
2                   boundary of the Sespe Wilderness to the  
3                   boundary between Los Angeles and Ven-  
4                   tura Counties, as a wild river.

5                   “(B) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this para-  
6                   graph precludes or limits the State of Cali-  
7                   fornia, the Department of Water Resources of  
8                   the State of California, the United Water Con-  
9                   servation District, and other governmental enti-  
10                  ties from releasing water from Pyramid Lake  
11                  into Piru Creek for conveyance and delivery to  
12                  Lake Piru for the water conservation purposes  
13                  of the United Water Conservation District.”.

14 **SEC. 7. BRIDGEPORT WINTER RECREATION AREA.**

15                  (a) DESIGNATION.—The approximately 7,680 acres  
16 of land in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, as gen-  
17 erally depicted on the map entitled “Bridgeport Winter  
18 Recreation Area” and dated May 20, 2008, is designated  
19 as the Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area.

20                  (b) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—

21                       (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary con-  
23 cerned shall file with the Committee on Natural Re-  
24 sources of the House of Representatives and the  
25 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the

1 Senate a map and boundary description of the  
2 Recreation Area.

3 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and boundary  
4 description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
5 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
6 cept that the Secretary concerned may correct any  
7 errors in the map and boundary description.

8 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and  
9 boundary description filed under paragraph (1) shall  
10 be on file and available for public inspection in—

11 (A) the office of the Chief of the Forest  
12 Service; and

13 (B) the office of the Forest Supervisor of  
14 the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

15 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
17 graph (2), the Recreation Area shall be managed in  
18 accordance with the Toiyabe National Forest Land  
19 and Resource Management Plan of 1986 (as in ef-  
20 fect on the day of enactment of this Act).

21 (2) USE OF SNOWMOBILES.—The winter use of  
22 snowmobiles shall be allowed in the Recreation  
23 Area—

24 (A) during periods of adequate snow cov-  
25 erage during the winter season; and

1 (B) subject to any terms and conditions  
2 determined to be necessary by the Secretary  
3 concerned.

4 (d) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—To ensure the sound man-  
5 agement and enforcement of the Recreation Area, the Sec-  
6 retary concerned shall, not later than 1 year after the date  
7 of enactment of this Act, undergo a public process to de-  
8 velop a winter use management plan that provides for—

- 9 (1) adequate signage;  
10 (2) a public education program on allowable  
11 usage areas;  
12 (3) measures to ensure adequate sanitation;  
13 (4) a monitoring and enforcement strategy; and  
14 (5) measures to ensure the protection of the  
15 Trail.

16 (e) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary concerned shall  
17 prioritize enforcement activities in the Recreation Area—

- 18 (1) to prohibit degradation of natural resources  
19 in the Recreation Area;  
20 (2) to prevent interference with nonmotorized  
21 recreation on the Trail; and  
22 (3) to reduce user conflicts in the Recreation  
23 Area.

24 (f) PACIFIC CREST NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.—The  
25 Secretary concerned shall establish an appropriate snow-

1 mobile crossing point along the Trail in the area identified  
2 as “Pacific Crest Trail Proposed Crossing Area” on the  
3 map entitled “Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area” and  
4 dated May 20, 2008—

5 (1) in accordance with—

6 (A) the National Trails System Act (16  
7 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.); and

8 (B) any applicable environmental and pub-  
9 lic safety laws; and

10 (2) subject to the terms and conditions the Sec-  
11 retary concerned determines to be necessary to en-  
12 sure that the crossing would not—

13 (A) interfere with the nature and purposes  
14 of the Trail; or

15 (B) harm the surrounding landscape.

16 **SEC. 8. MANAGEMENT OF HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE FOREST.**

17 Certain land in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National For-  
18 est, comprising approximately 3,200 acres identified as  
19 “Area X” on the map entitled “Humboldt-Toiyabe Na-  
20 tional Forest Proposed Management” and dated May 20,  
21 2008, shall be managed in a manner consistent with the  
22 non-Wilderness forest areas immediately surrounding  
23 Area X, including the allowance of snowmobile use.

1 **SEC. 9. ANCIENT BRISTLECONE PINE FOREST.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION.—To conserve and protect the An-  
3 cient Bristlecone Pines by maintaining near-natural condi-  
4 tions and to ensure the survival of the Pines for the pur-  
5 poses of public enjoyment and scientific study, the ap-  
6 proximately 28,991 acres of public land in the State, as  
7 depicted on the map entitled “Ancient Bristlecone Pine  
8 Forest—Proposed” and dated May 20, 2008, is des-  
9 ignated as the “Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest”.

10 (b) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but  
12 not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
13 of this Act, the Secretary shall file a map and legal  
14 description of the Forest with the Committee on En-  
15 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the  
16 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
17 Representatives.

18 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map filed under  
19 paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect  
20 as if included in this Act.

21 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map filed  
22 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available  
23 for public inspection in—

24 (A) the office of the Chief of the Forest  
25 Service; and

1 (B) the appropriate office of the Forest  
2 Service in the State.

3 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
5 ister the Forest—

6 (A) in a manner that—

7 (i) protect the resources and values of  
8 the area in accordance with the purposes  
9 for which the Forest is established, as de-  
10 scribed in subsection (a); and

11 (ii) promotes the objectives of the ap-  
12 plicable management plan (as in effect on  
13 the date of enactment of this Act), includ-  
14 ing objectives relating to—

15 (I) the protection of bristlecone  
16 pines for public enjoyment and sci-  
17 entific study;

18 (II) the recognition of the botan-  
19 ical, scenic, and historical values of  
20 the area; and

21 (III) the maintenance of near-  
22 natural conditions by ensuring that all  
23 activities are subordinate to the needs  
24 of protecting and preserving

1                   bristlecone pines and wood remnants;  
2                   and

3                   (B) in accordance with the National Forest  
4           Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et  
5           seq.), this section, and any other applicable  
6           laws.

7           (2) USES.—

8                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
9           allow only such uses of the Forest as the Sec-  
10          retary determines would further the purposes  
11          for which the Forest is established, as described  
12          in subsection (a).

13                   (B) SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—Scientific re-  
14          search shall be allowed in the Forest in accord-  
15          ance with the Inyo National Forest Land and  
16          Resource Management Plan (as in effect on the  
17          date of enactment of this Act).

18                   (3) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
19          rights, all Federal land within the Forest is with-  
20          drawn from—

21                   (A) all forms of entry, appropriation or  
22                  disposal under the public land laws;

23                   (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
24                  mining laws; and

(C) disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

(4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a comprehensive management plan for the Forest.

(B) EXISTING PLANS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In developing the management plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall incorporate management guidance for the Forest adopted in 1988 as part of the Inyo National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan regarding roads, trails, and facilities development, motor vehicle use, pest management, energy exploration, land acquisition, utilities placement, wildfire management, grazing, timber, riparian areas, hunting, and recreation.

(ii) CONFLICT OF LAWS.—If there is a conflict between the provisions of this sec-



1                   tion and the provisions of the Inyo Na-  
2                   tional Forest Land and Resource Manage-  
3                   ment Plan (as in effect on the date of en-  
4                   actment of this Act), the more restrictive  
5                   provisions shall control.

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